

REMARKS

Claim 12 stands allowed.

The examiner rejected claims 1-11 as anticipated by or obvious in view of Thompson (U.S. 4,561,124). Independent claim 1 requires an inner lining disposed inside the outer fabric covering of the garment, and the examiner asserts that Thompson discloses an inner lining. The applicant respectfully disagrees. Thompson discloses only an outer fabric and a pocket assembly which is sewn inside the garment to the outer fabric from inseam to outseam which envelopes a knee pad. While the pocket area is clearly lined, as the examiner notes, claim 1 requires that the entire garment be lined. Thompson does not describe a garment where the entire garment is lined.

Nevertheless, claim 1 is amended herein to clarify that the inner lining lines essentially the entire garment. As presently amended, the inner lining must cover substantially the entire legs of an infant, and the outer fabric must completely cover the inner lining. In view of the amendment, claim 1 is clearly not anticipated by Thompson.

Furthermore, claim 1 is amended to limit the structure to infant pants. Thompson does not disclose infant pants.

In view of the amendments to claim 1, claim 1 is not anticipated by Thompson, and therefore dependent claims 2-9 are new and patentably distinct.

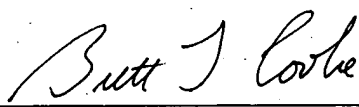
Claims 10 and 11 are cancelled, without prejudice.

New claim 13 is added which covers the preferred embodiment.

In summary, claims 1-9 and 12-13 remain in the application and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of all claims and passage to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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